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JEANNINE CUSSON

Jeannine Cusson, hostess of the Rive Gauche
Restaurant, 3200 M Street, N.W., [redacted]

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It is noted that her employment provides an ideal position for her to meet and spot highly placed individuals connected with U.S. and foreign intelligence services.

Cusson was born in Poland and entered the United States as the result of a marriage to a U.S. soldier. She subsequently was divorced from this soldier and now resides alone in an apartment at 2025 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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Brigadier General DON FLICKINGER (U.S. Air Force,
MC retired), Biomedical Research Consultant, Room 406,
1901 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., furnished the following
information: Wash. D.C.

FLICKINGER has known JEANNINE CUSSON since 1957 when she was hostess at the Place Vendome restaurant located on 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. FLICKINGER said that he and later his wife have become quite friendly with CUSSON as the result of conversations with her while dining at the Rive Gauche Restaurant where she is now hostess.

FLICKINGER described CUSSON as being a very attractive and capable person who is popular with patrons of the Rive Gauche. He said the Rive Gauche is a rather exclusive restaurant and CUSSON is well known and on a conversational basis with a large number of highly prominent persons, including high ranking foreign diplomats.

FLICKINGER said it is his understanding that CUSSON

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CUSSON has also spent some time with Dr. W. RANDOLPH-LOVELACE, Director of the Lovelace Foundation in New Mexico, who has been a personal friend of the FLICKINGERS for many years.

According to FLICKINGER, LOVELACE first met CUSSON several years ago while dining at the Rive Gauche. Subsequent to that, he always appeared very friendly during conversations with her at the restaurant. FLICKINGER said that LOVELACE is an extremely busy person with heavy responsibilities and for years he has combined business with relaxation during his visits to Washington, D.C. He said that he knows that LOVELACE has met CUSSON for dinner at the Genghis Khan Restaurant and other Washington, D.C. restaurants during visits to this area. He said that to make any additional statement regarding any intimacies between LOVELACE and CUSSON would be inferential rather than factual.

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FLICKINGER said he does not believe that LOVELACE is still seeing CUSSON other than during brief conversations with her while dining at the Rive Gauche. During the Spring of 1964, CUSSON commented to FLICKINGER that she would not be seeing "RANDY" any more. The last two times that LOVELACE was in Washington, D.C. and was to have dinner with FLICKINGER, he mentioned that he preferred to dine somewhere other than the Rive Gauche.

FLICKINGER said that at one time CUSSON seemed very fond of LOVELACE. However, during early 1964, she expressed concern to FLICKINGER regarding the drinking habits of LOVELACE. FLICKINGER was unable to recall her exact comments, but that CUSSON said something to the effect that she could not understand why LOVELACE had started drinking so much and suggested that FLICKINGER might want to speak to him about it as a friend.

With respect to CUSSON's comments, FLICKINGER said that he knows LOVELACE very well and is not of the opinion that he has a drinking problem. He said there are varying degrees of tolerance for alcohol and this tolerance can be influenced by a number of things, including pressure of business. During early 1964, just prior to his travel to the Soviet Union, LOVELACE was extremely busy and was involved in quite a few pressing matters. It was during this period that FLICKINGER was in his company several times when LOVELACE's speech seemed to be affected after just two or three drinks. In one instance LOVELACE was aware of this himself and commented to FLICKINGER that he was going to have to cut back on drinks and he did so. Since LOVELACE returned from the Soviet Union, FLICKINGER has seen him several times and has observed no indication that LOVELACE has a drinking problem to any degree.

FLICKINGER said he is well enough acquainted with CUSSON and has conversed with her enough to know that she was born in Poland. As a result of conversations she has with high placed U.S. Government officials, high ranking military officers and high level foreign diplomatic officials as a result of her employment, she would be in an ideal position to assist Soviet-bloc representatives in their intelligence program. However, FLICKINGER said he has never had any reason

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to think that CUSSON might be engaged in any such activity. He expressed the personal opinion that CUSSON is not the type of person who would be involved in anything of this nature. He said that CUSSON has always impressed him as being honest and forthright. In this regard, FLICKINGER pointed out that he does not feel CUSSON would have ever mentioned anything to him about LOVELACE's drinking if she had any intention of attempting to gain intelligence information through her association with LOVELACE.

FLICKINGER said he was unable to recall anything else which might be of interest concerning CUSSON.

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